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**DRB Memorandum #2008-2**

**Memo to:** Bonnie Weeks, Building Commissioner  
Jonathan Tucker, Planning Director  
**From:** Christine Brestrup, Senior Planner  
**Subject:** DRB Recommendations of March 11, 2008

The Tuesday, March 11, 2008, meeting of the Design Review Board began at 7:35 p.m. in the Second Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall. Members Kathleen Fisher and Janet Winston were present, along with Senior Planner, Christine Brestrup. Also present were Kent Chu, an applicant, and his wife Claudia. Although a quorum of the Board was not present the members made the following recommendations and discussed the following topics.

The Board turned to Appointments.

DRB #2008-00006, 61 Main Street, **mango mango**

Recommended Approval of the proposed new awning and window signage as presented with the following conditions:

Awning

- The Board was concerned that the bright red color of the awning material presented would be too harsh and would clash with the surroundings and so recommended that the awning fabric be a darker red (with no blue undertones), more compatible with the color of the brick building and with the black and terra cotta color scheme of the business next door;
- The applicant agreed to obtain a color sample of the darker red material (from American Canvas in Westfield) and submit it to the Planning Department, for review and recommendation by individual Design Review Board members, prior to the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on March 20, 2008.

Window Signs

- The signs in the two windows that flank the doorway shall be as shown on the drawing submitted and shall say **mango mango** in white applied-vinyl lettering, with the font to be similar to Arial Bold.

- On the basis of legibility, the Board recommended the use of a simpler lettering (Arial) rather than the visually-busy, less readable lettering (Jokewood) that had been proposed as an alternative.

#### Window and Doorway Trim Color

- The window and doorway trim colors shall be predominantly black with an accent of dark olive, similar to the dark olive color of the interior of the restaurant.

The Board turned to New Business.

#### Design Review Districts

Ms. Brestrup explained the upcoming Town Meeting Warrant Article regarding Design Review Districts, including the proposed changes to the Official Zoning Map and the proposed changes to the text. She explained that the changes were of a technical nature and will not change the substance of the Bylaw governing the Design Review Board's role and responsibilities.

#### CPA Historic Preservation Projects

Ms. Brestrup explained the upcoming Town Meeting Warrant Article regarding the proposed Hills Historic Park Acquisition. The Board members asked questions. The general sense of the discussion was that Board members agreed with the concept of keeping the views open from Main Street to the historic Hills Mansions (the former Boys and Girls Club and the Women's Club.) If the Warrant Article passes Town Meeting and the property is acquired by the Town, the Board will be asked to review and make recommendations regarding any future proposals for the design of the Hills Historic Park.

#### Site Visit

The Board took a brief site visit to the proposed **mango mango** location to view the dark olive green interior wall color.

The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

Cc: Kathleen Fisher, DRB member  
Anita Licis, DRB member  
Janet Winston, DRB member  
Kent Chu, applicant